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**Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety Committee  
Meeting of May 18, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Public Safety Committee Chairman Chester Stribling called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

**2. Introduction of Participants**

Present were:

- Mr. Chester Stribling, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Raymond Graham, Fauquier County Board of Supervisors
- Mr. Anthony Hooper, Deputy County Administrator
- Ms. Catherine Heritage, Assistant County Administrator
- Mr. Tim McMenamin, Director, WFJCC
- Lt. Colonel Dave Flohr, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Tom Marable, President, Fauquier Fire and Rescue Association
- Chief Philip Myer, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Bill Barker, Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services
- Mr. Bill Dugan, WFJCC
- Mr. Walter Putnam, Warrenton Police Department
- Ms. Deanna Smith, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Mr. Tom Pavelko, Staff to the Public Safety Committee

\*Alexandra Bogedahovic of the Fauquier Times  
Democrat joined the Public Safety Committee as an observer.

**3. Approval of the Minutes and Agenda**

The agenda was amended to add the item "Department of Homeland Security Grant". He also called for approval of the April 20, 2005 meeting minutes. Seconded: Mr. Graham. Adopted.

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**4. Draft Agreement to Reimburse for Training Costs**

Katie Heritage submitted the draft of a proposed agreement to be used for reimbursement of training costs in the event an employee resigns before the county can recoup its expenses. The document would be used by new employees of the Sheriff's Office, D.F.E.S, Joint Communications and other departments that incur expensive training costs required for employment. All parties effected will review and comment on the document at the next meeting. Mr. Graham requested that members expedite the process so the document can be implemented.

**5. 800 MHz radio system update**

Tony Hooper provided an update on the 800 MHz radio system. He advised that negotiations between Fauquier and Culpeper are ongoing to draft an agreement for shared use of equipment in the event of an unexpected outage on either system. All radios have been received. Approximately 900 radios are now on-line to include public safety, schools and general services. Some modifications are still being performed on the school buildings. He also reported that the microwave backbone will serve more use then previously expected to include wireless communications.

**6. Virginia Supplemental Retirement Policies**

Philip Myer requested the assistance of county administration to change state legislation regarding supplemental retirement policies. As it stands, those receiving VRS retirement benefits are not eligible to work for the county without jeopardizing their retirement status. Mr. Myer feels Fauquier is missing out on qualified personnel because of this policy. Katie Heritage will consider adding this to the county's legislative priorities.

**7. Loudoun Mutual Aide Agreement**

Philip Myer advised that he has been working with Loudoun County to update the mutual aide response agreement. The current agreement is outdated and requires some revisions

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**8. Fire Truck Purchase for Marshall Fire Department**

Philip Myer requested approval to use DFES money from their fund balance to purchase a used fire truck from Marshall Fire Department for training purposes. The \$15,000 purchase price includes all equipment on the truck minus radios and air packs. The current training arrangement requires that an “active” vehicle be used during training exercises which presents coverage problems. Mr. Stribling and Mr. Graham approved such a purchase.

**9. Government Emergency Telephone List**

Tim McMenamin explained the Government Emergency Telephone List program. G.E.T.S. is a priority list phone system to be used during or after a large scale disaster. The system will be easy to implement and will not require any start up costs. Phone cards placed on high priority are issued to selected officials to make calls in the event of an emergency. Mr. Stribling made a motion to proceed in this matter. Tim McMenamin will serve as the point of contact and will order 40 phone cards to be distributed to county administration, public safety personnel and school officials.

**10. Department of Homeland Security Grant**

Philip Myer requested a Board of Supervisor’s resolution to incorporate the new Department of Homeland Security Grant. Katie Heritage was tasked with placing this on the next Board of Supervisor’s consent agenda.

**11. Roundtable**

Tim McMenamin advised that Joint Communications hired two new employees who will start in the near future. Philip Myer informed members that DFES will be hosting a command school on June 4-5 at Lord Fairfax Community College. The training will be attended by twenty fire and rescue personnel. Mr. Myer encouraged public officials to come and observe.

**9. Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Mr. Stribling adjourned the meeting at 5:47 pm.

*Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005*

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*Thomas S. Pavelko, Lead Staff*

***Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee***